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1. AT CONCLUSION OF BONN GROUP MEETING LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 8, EMBOFF HAD CORRIDOR CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH REP AND ACTING CAA (BOISSIEU), NOTING EMBASSY'S CONTINUING CONCERN OVER FACT THAT EMBASSY PARIS IS RECEIVING NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ITS WORKING-LEVEL FRENCH CONTACTS TO BELIEVE THAT FRENCH ATTITUDE IS BEING TEMPERED BY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, WHICH WE CONSIDER OVERRIDING. EMBOFF ALSO REFERRED TO THREAT OF BERLIN TRAVEL AGENT TO PUBLICIZE THE UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS ON AUGUST 11 (PARA 2 REFTEL).

2. BOISSIEU WAS AWARE OF LATTER DANGER AND APPEARED DISCOURAGED OVER ABILITY OF FRENCH EMBASSY HERE TO DO ANYTHING MORE TO INFLUENCE SITUATION. HIS PERSONAL OPINION WAS THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION LAY IN DIRECT TALKS
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BETWEEN PANAM AND AIR FRANCE AIMED AT REACHING SOME

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SORT OF COMPROMISE. HE THEN CONFIDED THAT FRENCH MISSION BERLIN HAD ON AUGUST 7 CABLED PARIS OF THE TRAVEL AGENT'S THREAT TO CRITICIZE PUBLICLY THE ALLIED INTERFERENCE WITH BERLIN AIR SERVICE AND HAD RECOMMENDED THAT PARIS GRANT AT LEAST A SHORT-TERM APPROVAL FOR THE PANAM CHARTERS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH TALKS BETWEEN THE AIRLINES WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN BONN SENT A ONE-LINE CONCURRING TELEGRAM TO PARIS.

3. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT WHAT EFFECT THESE ADDITIONAL INTERVENTIONS FROM FRENCH MISSION AND EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON PARIS DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY PARIS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THEM IN DECIDING ON WHETHER AND HOW TO MAKE HIGHER-LEVEL APPROACH IN PARIS.
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